

MINUTES

Borough of Elizabeth- Regular Meeting of Council

February 23, 2021

Order/Pledge of Allegiance- President Rager called the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom Conferencing due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call- Present for the meeting were President Rager, Mr. Guffey, Mr. Miklos, Mrs. Morris, Ms. Smrdel and Mayor Boucher. Also present for the meeting were Solicitor DiMascio, Secretary Zang and Police Chief William Sombo. Absent from the meeting were Mrs. Gephart and Mr. Shaner.

Visitors – Jason Bearman, Wayne Lewis and Christine Hayes were present for the meeting.

Jason Bearman addressed Council regarding the parking lot upgrades planned for the lot owned by the Fire Department.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to approve the minutes of the January 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to approve the bill list dated February 13, 2021 in the amount of \$16,852.86. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, Mr. Miklos and Mrs. Morris abstained from the reimbursements payable to each, motion carries.

Ordinances

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIKLOS AND SECONDED BY MS. SMRDEL TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMITTING AND PLACEMENT OF ALL TEMPORARY WASTE DUMPSTERS AND STORAGE CONTAINERS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS. UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIKLOS AND SECONDED BY MRS. MORRIS TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES THAT HAVE DEFAULTED MORTGAGES, ARE IN FORECLOSURE PROCESS, OR HAVE BEEN FORECLOSED UPON; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES.

Motions

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to accept the proposal received from Keystone Collections Group to provide delinquent tax collection services for Elizabeth Borough. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Reports

Mayor- Mayor turned over to the Chief to provide an update for the department. Quality of Life program has begun and is going well, the first appeals hearing will be held prior to the next public meeting. Chief asked for permission to advertise for part-time officers. President Rager asked the Chief to move forward with the Eagle Scout project for the building.

Solicitor- Letter will be sent to Zoning Solicitor requesting Zoning determinations be sent to our office and to include Mark Reis in meetings.

Budget & Finance- Interviews are being set up for the STMP.

Public Safety- none

Public Works- asbestos inspection being completed at home on 3rd before demolition. Miklos and Rager in communication with engineer from the Army Core of Engineers regarding the moving of Riverfront Park. Miklos working with engineer for possible funding for community upgrades.

Good to the Order- Mr. Guffey stated he would like to resume in-person meetings next month.

President Rager thanked Wayne Lewis and the Public Works Department for all the hard work they have been doing.

President Rager made a motion and seconded by Mr. Miklos to purchase a COVID fogger machine from Fagan Supply not to exceed \$1,000. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment- A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.